WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Sugarcane-Based Cropping System

1029. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to implement a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on sustainable development of sugarcane-based cropping system;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds earmarked under the scheme;

(d) the States where the scheme is proposed to be implemented; and

(e) the details of steps taken in this .regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (e) A Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Sustainable Development of Sugarcane Based Cropping System (SUBACS) was continued in Ninth Plan till October, 2000 in various sugarcane growing States of the country. The main components were Field demonstrations, Training's Assistance for Implements/Seed Multiplication, Heat treatment Plant & Drip irrigation infrastructure. However, from October, 2t)00<Jhe said Scheme has been subsumed under Macro-Management Mode of Agriculture Development along with other 26 Schemes to give more flexibility to the States and implement the Schemes/ programme on the basis of the State priorities and requirement. Funds are allocated to the States in lump sum for all the 27 schemes and not provided on the basis of individual Crops.

Water crisis due to drought

†1030. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have4aken various long term and short term measures in order to deal with the>ater crisis arising out of drought situation in certain States due to scanty rainfall;

† Original notice of the question wa.s received in Hindi.